

What is claimed is:

1. A semiconductor package comprising:
a semiconductor die having an integrated circuit (IC);
a substrate having a die side coupled to the IC; and
a plurality of multi-signal bus bars coupled to a socket side of the substrate such that the bus bars enable input/output (I/O) signals to be transported between the substrate and a socket.
2. The package of claim 1 wherein at least one of the multi-signal bus bars includes:
a first dielectric member;
an electrically conductive reference member coupled to a first surface of the first dielectric member, the reference member defining a current path for a reference signal; and
a first plurality of electrically conductive I/O members coupled to a second surface of the first dielectric member such that the first I/O members define current paths for a corresponding first plurality of I/O signals.
3. The package of claim 2 wherein the first I/O members have a predetermined spacing such that the first I/O members are electrically isolated from one another.
4. The package of claim 3 further including a dielectric layer disposed between the first dielectric member and the first I/O members.

5. The package of claim 2 wherein the I/O members have a current carrying capability that is above a predetermined current threshold.

6. The package of claim 2 wherein the I/O and reference members are bonded to the dielectric member with an adhesive material.

7. The package of claim 2 wherein the bus bar has an inductance that is controlled to a predetermined inductance threshold for an operating frequency of the IC.

8. The package of claim 2 wherein the multi-signal bus bar further includes:
a second dielectric member having a first surface coupled to the reference member such that the dielectric members are positioned on opposite sides of the reference member; and
a second plurality of electrically conductive I/O members coupled to a second surface of the second dielectric member such that the second I/O members define current paths for a corresponding second plurality of I/O signals.

9. The package of claim 2 wherein the reference member provides a current path for a reference voltage.

10. The package of claim 2 wherein the reference member provides a current path for a reference ground.

11. The package of claim 1 wherein the multi-signal bus bars have a substantially planar geometry.

12. The package of claim 1 wherein the substrate includes:
a plurality of die-side contact pads;
a plurality of board-side contact pads; and
a base having a plurality of traces and vias interconnecting the die-side contact pads and the board-side contact pads.

13. The package of claim 1 wherein the IC is a computer processor.

14. A multi-signal bus bar comprising:
a dielectric member;
an electrically conductive reference member coupled to a first surface of the dielectric member, the reference member defining a current path for a reference signal; and
a plurality of electrically conductive I/O members coupled to a second surface of the dielectric member such that the I/O members define current paths for a corresponding plurality of I/O signals.
15. The bus bar of claim 14 wherein the I/O members have a predetermined spacing such that the I/O members are electrically isolated from one another.
16. The bus bar of claim 13 further including a dielectric layer disposed between the dielectric material and the I/O members.
17. The bus bar of claim 14 wherein the I/O members have a current carrying capability that is above a predetermined current threshold.
18. The bus bar of claim 14 wherein the members are bonded to the dielectric member with an adhesive material.
19. The bus bar of claim 14 wherein the bus bar has an inductance that is controlled to a predetermined inductance threshold.

20. A semiconductor package comprising:

- a semiconductor die having a computer processor;
- a plurality of die-side contact pads;
- a plurality of board-side contact pads;
- a substrate base having a plurality of traces and vias interconnecting the die-side contact pads and the board-side contact pads.

a first dielectric member;

an electrically conductive reference member coupled to a first surface of the dielectric member, the reference member defining a current path for a reference signal;

a first plurality of electrically conductive I/O members coupled to a second surface of the first dielectric member such that the first I/O members define current paths for a corresponding first plurality of I/O signals;

a second dielectric member having a first surface coupled to the reference member such that the dielectric members are positioned on opposite sides of the reference member; and

a second plurality of electrically conductive I/O members coupled to a second surface of the second dielectric member such that the second I/O members define current paths for a corresponding second plurality of I/O signals.

21. The package of claim 20 wherein the I/O members have a predetermined spacing such that the I/O members are electrically isolated from one another.

22. The package of claim 21 further including:

- a first dielectric layer disposed between the dielectric material and the first I/O members; and

a second dielectric layer disposed between the dielectric material and the second I/O members.

23. A method of fabricating a multi-signal bus bar, the method comprising:
providing a dielectric member;
coupling an electrically conductive reference member to a first surface of the dielectric member, the reference member defining a current path for a reference voltage signal; and
coupling a plurality of electrically conductive I/O members to a second surface of the dielectric member such that the I/O members define current paths for a corresponding plurality of I/O signals.

24. The method of claim 23 further including coupling the I/O members to the second surface at a predetermined spacing such that the I/O members are electrically isolated from one another.

25. The method of claim 23 further including bonding the I/O and reference members to the dielectric member with an adhesive material.